Refining Capacity of Oil

*297. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to Government's estimates the country would need a total refining capacity of 111 million tonnes of oil to meet the demand for petroleum products in the beginning of the 21st century;

(b) if so, how many refining units have to be set up in the Seventh Five Year Plan period to meet the increasing demand of petroleum products in the country; and

(c) in which States the refineries are proposed to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) to (c) It is estimated that the refining capacity required at the beginning of the 21st Century would be of the order of about 111 million tonnes per annum in 2004-2005.

Refining capacity by the end of the Seventh Plan is expected to reach 61.85 MTPA, against an estimated demand for petroleum products of 52.7 MTPA.

A refinery with initial capacity of 2 MTPA is proposed to be set up in Assam. Similarly, a 6 MTPA joint sector refinery in Karnal is also being set up. A detailed project report is being prepared for another joint sector 3 MTPA petro-chemical refinery at Mangalore. However, all these refineries are expected to become operational only in the Eighth Plan.

Ramagunda-Salem-Trichur Transmission Line

*298. SHRI K. GOPALAN:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) how much of funds have been allocated this year for Ramagundam-Salem-Trichur 400 KV transmission line;

(b) how much of this amount has so far been spent;

(c) how much of the works has been completed till 31st July, 1987;

(d) whether the whole project is behind schedule; and

(e) by when the line is expected to become operational?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) The allocation in 1987-88 is Rs. 11.34 crores. About Rs. 1.29 crores have been spent so far.

(c) to (e) The Ramagundam-Bangalore sections of the line have been commissioned. The Bangalore-Salem section is scheduled for commissioning in 1988-89 and the Salem-Trichur section in 1990-91. The work on these lines is progressing as per schedule.

पैराफिन मोम का उत्पादन और खपत

*299. **श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव :** क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश में पैराफिन मोम का वार्षिक उत्पादन और खपत कितनी है;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि देश पैराफिन मोम के मामले में आत्मनिर्भर नहीं है;